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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JEANNETTE DRIEVER,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *et al.*,

Defendants.

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) Civil Action No. 19-1807 (UNA)
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MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court on preliminary review of the plaintiff's *pro se* complaint and her application to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

The plaintiff, a female, *see* Compl. ¶ 12, “is a former [Federal Bureau of Prisons] inmate who remains under the supervisory authority of the Department of Justice,” *id.* ¶ 1. She purports to bring this action on her own behalf and on behalf of “present and former female inmates [who] have been housed in cells and open dorms with biologically born male inmates who allege they are women and/or female lesbians.” *Id.* ¶ 12. Generally, the plaintiff challenges Bureau of Prisons regulations which “force[] female inmates to be housed with male inmates[] who verbally represent that [t]hey are women/female,” *id.* ¶ 18, “through their self-report,” *id.* ¶ 19, without any “objective, physical, or evidence-based test that can verify that a biological male inmate is actually a female inmate,” *id.* Having allegedly been “sexually harassed by male transgender inmates . . . and . . . threatened with physical violence for speaking out about the . . . policies on transgender inmates,” *id.* ¶ 37, the plaintiff demands a declaratory judgment, injunctive relief for the removal of male inmates from female prisons, and monetary damages, *see id.* ¶¶ 41-46.

The plaintiff does not hold herself out as an attorney licensed to practice law in this Court. Therefore, she may represent her own interests but not those of any other individual. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1654; *Georgiades v. Martin-Trigona*, 729 F.2d 831, 834 (D.C. Cir. 1984). And as a *pro se* party, the plaintiff cannot represent the interests of a class of past and present female inmates. *See DeBrew v. Atwood*, 792 F.3d 118, 132 (D.C. Cir. 2015).

It is hereby

ORDERED that this action proceeds with a single *pro se* plaintiff; it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* [2] is GRANTED; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall assign this case randomly to a judge for further proceedings.

SO ORDERED.

DATE:

7/2/19

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United States District Judge